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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

THROUGH : Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Cover Progress Report

1. On 5 July 1956, the writer met with Col. Gillespie, AWS and Mr. Walter Bonney, NACA to discuss certain aspects of their respective news releases prepared for issuance 9 July 1956.

25X1A 2. A recent review of these releases noted the mention of [REDACTED] as the base of operations, such having been prepared prior to the movement of Detachment A to Wiesbaden. Efforts made to correct this error at this meeting however, met with negative results since NACA had already released their story to the press on Tuesday, 3 July 1956.

3. In discussing this matter Col. Gillespie stated that, in his mind, this was not too serious an error. In fact, he considered it rather academic since the official Air Force order, transferring Detachment A to Wiesbaden, has not as yet been dispatched from USAF Headquarters. Any statement made to the press must conform with present arrangements and should have a perfectly legitimate appearance. In the event of inquiry, NACA and AWS could handle the matter by a comparison of dates, i.e., date of release and date of transfer of bases.

25X1A 4. Mr. Bonney noted his concern over possible queries as to why the unit moved from [REDACTED] to Wiesbaden. This matter had not been previously considered by the writer though, I am sure you will agree, is a matter which should be resolved rather hurriedly. I have asked Col. Gillespie to discuss this matter with Col. Geary with the idea in mind of presenting some possible logical explanations at a meeting suggested for 6 July 1956. Progress made in this area will be reported either to you or Col. Gibbs so that a unified statement can be prepared for issuance to all organizations involved.

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5. Col. Gillespie has requested me to prepare a letter to Gen. Moorman stating your approval of the proposed AWS press release for 9 July 1956. [REDACTED] has informed me that this release has received your prior concurrence, therefore, with your permission I will prepare such a letter.

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6. The final version of the procedures to be followed in the event of aircraft loss over hostile territory has been prepared for immediate dispatch and will be mailed and/or delivered to parties concerned prior to 7 July 1956.

7. In an effort to relieve ourselves of weather data currently in our possession I have asked Mr. Bonney to have [REDACTED] submit the procedure plan proposed by NACA for handling weather data. You may be aware of the fact that [REDACTED] who would normally handle this matter is currently out of the country and not available to complete the procedure plan. I am striving for an early completion and receipt of this plan and will inform you when it is delivered to Project Headquarters.

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8. I have made note of the fact that [REDACTED] photos previously furnished to [REDACTED] of Lockheed will be in the possession of [REDACTED] until the former returns from leave on 16 July 1956.

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9. I contemplate keeping [REDACTED] advised on a continuous basis concerning all cover matters and will follow up such discussions with a report similar to this provided this means meets with your approval.

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